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SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Yes, Sir. But I want to know whether any concessional rate similar to that offered by bus operators between Coimbatore and Madras was offered here also? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—'-' The bus operators were allowed to bring passengers when the buses came down here and take passengers when they went back (to Coimbatore)."

SRI K. RAJARAM :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the expenses connected with the installation of bus stops, etc., were borne by the Congress Reception Committee and not the Government or bus operators? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have already said that there was no expenditure to the Government."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is it a fact that a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs was given to the Madras Corporation to improve the roads leading to Avadi with a view to induce the bus operators to operate on these roads? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There was no need for any inducement to bus operators; they co-operated with the Government, looking after the comforts and providing facilities to the passengers. Further the hon. Member's question is a separate one, as the main question has nothing to do with improvement to roads."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any special facilities or concessions in the shape of exemptions from taxes, etc., were granted to the bus operators who made arrangements to ply buses for the Avadi Session? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" They were granted permits, licences, etc., wherever necessary."

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* 1317 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Malabar Special Police Force has been sent to the former French-Indian Settlements which have merged with the Indian Union;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) which Government meets the expenses?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. A company of the Malabar Special Police has been deputed to serve under the Pondicherry Administration.

" (*b*) The deputation was made at the request of the Government of India, to augment the existing police force there and to assist them in their regular duties.

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" (c) The cost of the company during the period of its deputation is being borne by the Government of Pondicherry."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" பாண்டிச்சேரி அரசாங்கத்தை சென்னை ராஜ்யத்தோடு இணைப்பதற்கு ஏதாவது உத்தேசமுண்டா ? அப்படி ஏதாவது நமது ராஜ்ய சர்க்கார் சிபார்சு செய்திருக்கிறார்களா ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" That is altogether a different question."

* 1318 *Q*.—**Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister visited Pondicherry in November 1954;

(*b*) whether it was an official visit; and

(*c*) at whose invitation he visited the place?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir. It was a private visit.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

* 1319 *Q*.—**Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have represented to the Union Government for the merger of Pondicherry, Karaikal and Mahe, with the State of Madras; and

(*b*) whether any reply has been received?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No. Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

* 1320 *Q*.—**Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM** : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Union Government have consulted the State Government regarding the removal of land customs at the borders of Pondicherry, Karaikal and Mahe; and

(*b*) if so, the views offered by the State Government?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" பாண்டிச்சேரி, காரைக்கால் ஆகிய பிரதேசங்கள் தமிழ்நாட்டுடன் இணைந்திருப்பவை. அதற்கு ஒரு தனி நிர்வாகம் ஏற்படுத்தியிருப்பது அங்குள்ள மக்களுக்கும், இங்குள்ள மக்களுக்கும் நெருங்கிய தொடர்பு ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு சிரமமாக இருக்கிறது. ஆகையால் உடனடியாக பாண்டிச்சேரியையும், காரைக்காலையும் சென்னை ராஜ்யத்தோடு இணைப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முயற்சிப்பார்களா ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" அந்தக் கேள்வியைக் கொண்டுவந்து இங்கு கேட்கலாமா ? இது வேறு கேள்வியாயிற்றே ? இதற்கு இடமில்லையே ? "

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" நான் அதிலே கேட்பதற்கு முன்னால் நீங்கள் அடுத்த கேள்விக்குப் போய்விட்டீர்களே,"